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same purpose, namely, to bring bark to Aguadilla for the tannery there. The merchants of Aguadilla have subscribed to a fund which is being used as a bounty on rats. This bounty has been in effect now about three weeks, and the authorities have received an average of 300 rats per week.

Mayaguez, a port of considerable importance on the west coast of the island, has a population of 25,000. A large car barn, slaughter-house, and wharf and sugar warehouses are located here. A large part of the town is in a very unsanitary condition. There is no sewer system and the garbage is dumped several miles out of town. There is very little communication with Venezuela, the only vessel touching here being the schooner above referred to, which also brings bark for a tannery.

Ponce has about 30,000 inhabitants and has a considerable area. As stated previously, there is communication about once a month by steamer with Venezuela. The merchants of the port of Ponce have subscribed a fund to be used in cleaning up and in anti-rat measures. This work is under the direction of one of the physicians of the above-mentioned committee. The town proper has a fund appropriated for cleaning the town and for anti-rat measures.

At a conference with the local authorities there was considerable discussion about the utility of the Danyz's virus, and I gave it as my opinion, based upon my experience in San Francisco, that this virus was in many cases ineffective, working on a large scale, unless the authorities had laboratory facilities adequate to maintain a fresh supply at all times.

There is quite a large section of the town which would be very dangerous in event of plague gaining an entrance. I advised the conference to take measures against rats, by poisoning, trapping, and a rat bounty. The Insular Secretary and Chief Quarantine Officer Foster were present and took part in the discussion.

The authorities at Arroyo and Humacao have been advised to take measures to destroy rodents. These two ports are unimportant, as they have no communication with Venezuela, and there are no wharves at either place.

Fajardo, on the northeast coast of the Island, is an unimportant port, there being no communication with Venezuela and no wharves in the port. The town authorities will institute a campaign against rats by trapping.

*Report from Ponce—Transactions of Service, June, 1908.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ferrer-Torres reports, June 30, through Chief Quarantine Officer Foster:

*Month of June, 1908.*

Vessels inspected.....	11
Vessels disinfected.....	2
Vessels in quarantine.....	5
Passengers inspected:	
Incoming.....	69
In transit.....	597
Passengers in quarantine.....	13
Immigrants inspected.....	10
Rejections.....	0
Crew inspected.....	448
Bill of health issued.....	22
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	7